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Dear Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3)

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(e), Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each foreign item is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. No copy of the U.S. documents are provided as the Patent Office has waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

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No representation is made, and no representation is intended, that more relevant material does not exist, or that the order of presentation of this material in any way reflects its relative pertinence. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

Submitted herewith is:

- (1) Supplementary European Search Report dated August 14, 2007, for counterpart European Application No. EP 04 82 0539;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 09-039810 (NIPPON SEIKO KK), published February 10, 1997;
- (3) Wade et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,404,960, issued April 11, 1995;
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 08-337172 (NIPPON SEIKO KK), published December 24, 1996;
- (5) European Published Application No. EP 0 659 629 A2 (KOYO SEIKO CO LTD), published June 28, 1995;
- (6) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 2003-011834 (NSK LTD), published January 15, 2003;
- (7) European Published Application No. EP 0 893 328 A2 (KOYO SEIKO CO LTD), published January 27, 1999; and
- (8) Shimizu, U.S. Patent No. 4,837,692, issued June 6, 1989.

The above references (2)-(8) are cited in item (1), "Supplementary European Search Report", which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. No copies of documents (2), (4), and (6) are provided as these documents were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement previously filed on June 14, 2006 with the Application documents.

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